

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCLESTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 9 JULY 2019 at
7.30 pm in ECCLESTON VILLAGE HALL, Kiln Lane, Eccleston**

PRESENT: Cllr Ashcroft (Deputy Chairman)
Cllrs Cass, Duncan, Gray-Williams, Haw, Kempself, C Pearl, G Pearl, Skepper and
Williams
Janet Anderson – Clerk

19.37 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Sims and Watmough

19.38 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr G Pearl declared an interest in item 19.45 – Planning Applications

19.39 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 JUNE 2019**

Resolved that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19.40 **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Williams asked what St Helens Council's view was on 20mph on residential roads. Cllr Pearl responded to say that there were insufficient police to enforce the speed restrictions. Also parked cars tended to slow traffic down. Cllr Ashcroft added that there would need to be Traffic Regulation Orders put in place for 20mph speed limits and there would be cost implications to that.

Cllr Cass added that Eccleston Lane Ends School had written to St Helens Council requesting a 20mph zone around the school and also for indicative road crossings on Albany Avenue and Old Lane which were non-enforceable but would provide a safe area for children to cross.

The Clerk had received a reply from St Helens Council confirming that repairs to the road and bus stop at Walmesley Road had been ordered.

19.41 **RESIDENTS' ISSUES**

Cllr Gray-Williams reported that the trees and shrubbery in Burrows Lane on land belonging to United Utilities, close to the War Memorial, were overhanging on to the pavement and preventing pedestrians walking along the pavement. Pedestrians have to step into the road to get past. The Clerk would report it to United Utilities.

Cllr Haw joined the meeting.

Cllr Skepper asked when the post box that was on the corner of Kiln Lane would be replaced. Cllr Haw informed the meeting that the Post Office had indicated the box would be replaced when the work had been completed on the café, possibly within 2-3 months.

19.42 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Green had attended from the police. Crime figures had been received and were given to the meeting. PCSO Green informed the meeting that scrambler bikes were an ongoing problem across the area.

Cllr Gray-Williams thanked PCSO Green for monitoring traffic using New Road as a cut through.

19.43 VILLAGE HALL

- a) The quote to repair the roof that was causing a leak into the Education Room had been accepted. The Clerk would arrange for the work to be carried out.
- b) The quote from the gardener to cut back the bushes and saplings overhanging into the neighbouring garden had been accepted. The Clerk would arrange for the work to be carried out.
- c) The fire extinguishers had been serviced with one needing to be replaced as it was over 10 years old with obsolete parts.

19.44 REPORTS

Resolved to note the following:

Ecclesfield Management Ctte – 2 July 2019, 7.00pm – Cllrs Ashcroft, G Pearl and Sims along with the Clerk attended to discuss availability of pitches for the coming season.

- a) there was no availability for an adult team on Sundays as Bleak Hill Rovers would have 3 youth teams that would require 11v11 pitches
- b) The U8s team would be able to use a pitch
- c) Coaching could take place on the field as an open space. The changing rooms would not be able to be opened as there was no caretaker available during the week

The Clerk was asked to send out application forms to the teams currently using Ecclesfield to establish their requirements.

Smithy Working Party – 9 July 2019, 7.00 pm – all Councillors were given a copy of the Curators' Report for July 2019. The following points were discussed:

- Viking Exhibition – had been well received
- School Visit – Eccleston Mere had taken up the offer of Viking workshops by Travellers Through Time and visited with 2 Year 4 classes
- Heritage Open Weekend – 14 and 15 September. Curators arranging a Medieval Market. Curators would appreciate any assistance from Councillors.

19.45 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved to note the following:

Delegated

66 Millbrook Lane	Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a single storey side and rear extension Ensure sufficient off street parking
4 Central Avenue	Front extension (consisting of front porch with atrium above) along with creation of 2no dormers to rear elevation Eccleston Parish Council strongly object to the proposals for the following reasons:- 1 The proposals would be totally out of keeping in a highly residential area and would also create an architectural imbalance – thereby destroying the character of the existing property. 2 The size of the proposed atrium could potentially affect the privacy of the adjacent neighbours and create an overbearing effect
50 Broadway	Erection of a rear conservatory N/O
15 Lester Drive	Two storey side extension N/O
23 Springfield Lane	Single storey rear extension N/O
49 Fairholme Ave	Single storey first floor side extension N/O
30 Osborne Road	Part two storey, part single storey front and side extension N/O

19.46 ACCOUNTS

Received: Village Hall Hire £890, R Kelsey PAYE £77.80, 2nd half precept £29,177.82, Windle telephone and copier £65.21, Smithy International Blacksmith's Day £779.50, interest £6.91 and 0.08

Total Receipts **£30,997.32**

Payments:

GPS Telecoms – Clerk phone – May	38.62
Water Plus	12.29
Water Plus	5.00
L Poole – July	403.25
J Chamberlain – July	168.86
J Anderson – July + Smithy vouchers	1329.60
V Griffiths – July + expenses for IBD	289.80
Merseyside Pension Fund – July employer and employee contributions	439.13
St Helens Council – cleaning April-July	1477.60
Total Payments	£4164.15

RECONCILIATION - The Clerk reported that as at 28 June 2019 the Balance in the Current Account was £6,500.00, Reserve Account £64,632.88 and Capital Deposit Account £465.99.

PETTY CASH - Expenditure for the month of June 2019	£27.42
Approximate balance at the end of June 2019	£10.18

19.47 DELEGATED POWERS OVER RECESS

Resolved that the Chairman Cllr Sims and Deputy Chairman Cllr Ashcroft, in conjunction with the Clerk, be authorised to act on the Parish Council's behalf over the August recess.

19.48 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to note the following:

Bleak Hill Primary School – thank you for prize/merit award money
Service Level Agreement from St Helens Council for cleaning at the hall – received in June for April 2019-March 2020

19.49 DATES OF MEETINGS

Resolved to note the following:

Tuesday 3 September 2019	7.00pm	Ecclesfield	Village Hall
Tuesday 10 September 2019	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Smithy Meeting Parish Council Meeting	Our Lady's Our Lady's

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

SIGNED

DATED